

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 are maintained by the present amendment.

This application is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/JP02/08517, filed August 23, 2002.

The present Preliminary Amendment corrects clerical and translational errors in the specification, includes a Cross-reference to Related Applications section, and omits the paragraph at page 55, lines 1-7, which is redundant in view of the added Cross-reference section.

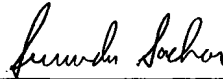
Regarding the amendment of the specification at page 15, line 20, to page 16, line 18, the term "convex" is substituted with the term "concave" to describe concave portions of a transparent material 3 shown in Figure 1. The amendment of the specification at page 34, lines 3-19, is self evident. The amendment of the specification at page 53, lines 8-16, labels minor and major axis amplitudes with conventional labels "a" and "b." Thus, no new matter is believed to be added.

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Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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